

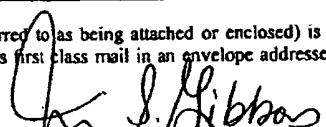


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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1621

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APPLICATION NO: 10/075,845

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APPELLANTS' BRIEF PURSUANT TO 37 C. F. R. § 1.192

Applicant appeals the Final Rejection dated July December 23, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

I. Real Party in Interest

The real party in interest in the above-identified patent application is Bristol Myers Squibb Company, a corporation in Delaware, which is the assignee of Anna Ericsson, Anne Marinier, and Fred C. Zusi.

II. Related Appeals and Interferences

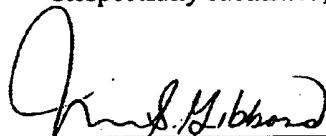
There are no pending appeals or interferences known to appellants or the appellants' assignee, which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

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For the foregoing reasons, Appellants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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